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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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PASS AMBASSADOR INGERSOLL

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, JA, ID

SUBJ: INDONESIAN LNG

1. LOCAL MOBIL REP RICHARDSON HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO TRANSMIT TO AMBASSADOR INGERSOLL FOLLOWING MESSAGE IN CONNECTION WITH DISCUSSION SEPT 3 BETWEEN AMBASSADOR, ECONCOM/MIN AND RICHARDSON ON SUBJECT OF INDONESIAN LNG.

2. QTE AS OF THIS DATE (9/5) WITHOUT ANY QUESTION SUPPLY OF NORTH SUMATRA LNG WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PACIFIC LIGHTING. BOTH MOBIL AND PERTAMINA ARE WILLING TO SELL THIS GAS FOR U.S. CONSUMPTION. REPORTS CONTRARY TO THIS IN MOBIL'S OPINION ARE WITHOUT FOUNDATION. CURRENTLY - 6-MAN TEAM FROM PACIFIC LIGHTING IS NEGOTIATING IN DJAKARTA WITH PERTAMINA AND REPRESENTATION FROM MOBIL ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A SALES CONTRACT. PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS OF VOLUME ARE A 4-TRAIN PLANT WITH THE OUTPUT OF 3 TRAINS (OR ABOUT 375 MILLION CUBIC FEET DAILY) OF LNG AVAILABLE FOR PACIFIC LIGHTING. THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES WILL BE EXECUTED IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEAR FUTURE. THE MAJOR PROBLEM IN MOBIL'S OPINION IN ASSUR-

ING MOVEMENT OF THIS GAS TO THE UNITED STATES IS EXECUTION OF
PROMPT AND ADEQUATE CLEARANCE BY THE FPC OF THE TERMS AND
OPERATING CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH PACIFIC LIGHTING CAN IMPORT
AND PROCESS THIS LNG. AS YOU KNOW THIS PROJECT INVOLVES MANY
MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND ANY MATERIAL DELAY IN FPC APPROVAL
WITH CONSEQUENT LACK OF UTILIZATION OF THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT
COULD RESULT IN SALE OF THE GAS ELSEWHERE. END QTE.

3. RICHARDSON SUGGESTED THAT IF AMBASSADOR WISHES FURTHER
INFORMATION, HE SHOULD CONTACT MOBIL OIL CORPORATION, E.S.
CHECKET, IN NEW YORK, PRESIDENT OF MOBIL EAST (TELEPHONE
212-883-4361).
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